

GAME NOTES

Surrey Eagles at Wenatchee Wild

Friday February 3, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (36-8-4-0, 1st Place Mainland Div.) host the Surrey Eagles (16-30-3-0, 5th Place, Mainland Div.) in the first game of a two-game weekend set. The Wild are looking to lock down home ice advantage and the Eagles are battling to earn a playoff spot either in the Mainland or by crossover into the Interior.

HEAD TO HEAD: This is the sixth of seven scheduled meetings between these teams, with the Wild holding a 4-1-0 edge. Surrey handed Wenatchee their first regulation loss of the season on Oct.20, ending the Wild's 10-0-1 streak. Wenatchee is now 11-1-0 all-time against Surrey, and 6-0-0 at home, outscoring the Eagles 27-8 in those games.

STREAKING: Wenatchee is riding a 31-game point streak at home dating back to last season. The Wild are 27-0-3-1 dating back to Jan. 23, 2016. The Eagles are 2-7-1 in their last 10, and are 5-20-1 on the road.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Brendan Harris continues to lead both the Wild and the BCHL with 82 points (20g, 62a), while Charlie Combs is second in overall points (72) and leads the BCHL with 45 goals. AJ Vanderbeck is second in the league with 32 goals, and Troy Conzo is third in BCHL assists with 44. Alex Bates leads Wild defensemen with 32 points (2g, 30a). Surrey's offense is led by Darius Davidson (26g, 26a), Desi Burgart (17g, 23a), and captain Paul McAvoy (16g, 23a). Cory Babichuk is a top defenseman with 5g and 22a.

MAGIC NUMBERS: The Wild's Magic Number is 4 to secure home ice in first round, and 16 to earn a Division title.

HOME COOKIN': The Wild maintain a blistering pace at home this season, posting a record of 22-0-2. This season, the Wild have outscored opponents by a total of 133-41 in games at Town Toyota Center.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Wild lead the BCHL in power play goals (62), shorthanded goals (15), and fewest power play goals against (25). Also, the Wild are the only team to not allow a goal while ON the power play. Surrey ranks 9th on the power play and 14th on the penalty kill but both units have fared well against Wenatchee (27.8 PP, 87.5 PK).

LAST WEEK: The Wild lost in Langley on Wednesday night, 7-1 to end a seven-game win streak. They went on to a 4-2 loss at Powell River on Friday before rebounding nicely with a 5-0 win at Cowichan Valley on Saturday night. The Eagles lost 4-3 at Coquitlam on Wednesday, then fell 6-1 at home to Langley on Thursday night, but recovered on Sunday with a 9-5 home win over Nanaimo.

LAST NIGHT: The Eagles were home last night to face Prince George, and the Spruce Kings rampaged to a 9-0 win.

MOVING ON: Next week the Wild tour the Interior, with stops in Vernon, Penticton, and Trail. The Eagles will play 6 of their last 7 at home, starting Thursday against Langley, then Prince George returns to South Surrey Arena Saturday and Sunday.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs at 6:45 pm.

PROMOTIONS: Tonight is "Faith and Family Night" with ticket specials and a live band.